THE YOUTH OF SAINT LOUIS

At two ceremonies this past week, eight high school seniors from Saint Louis Parish were honored with the Hands of Christ Award by the Diocese of Rochester. This annual award recognizes the way graduating seniors have been the “Hands of Christ” in the parish, their schools, the community, and/or at home. This year’s honorees and the schools they attend are:

- Alexandra Best (Mendon)
- Aiden Holvey (McQuaid)
- Laura Kunz (Sutherland)
- Kidane Malik (Greece Arcadia)
- Caroline Miller (Rush Henrietta)
- Benjamin Murray (Pittsford Mendon)
- Melanie Pitcher (Our Lady of Mercy)
- James Schnell (McQuaid)

While congratulations are in order here, it might be better for the parish to say “thank you” for the witness these young people have given by their faith and service, and for the living reminder they are to the rest of us to be witnesses ourselves by what we say and do. So, congratulations, thank you, and keep up your good work!

Another group of our parish young people are the middle schoolers who are in the process of preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. One of our adult parishioners who attended last Sunday’s preparation session and noted the attentiveness of the rather large group, said: “What a wonderful group of kids we have here!” Saint Louis is scheduled to celebrate Confirmation with Bishop Matano at Sacred Heart Cathedral on May 2. So please keep these candidates in your prayers as they continue their preparation.

And as long as you are praying for them, please add those children who are currently celebrating the Sacrament of Penance for the first time during this month, and those who are preparing for First Communion in April and May. Pray too for their families and catechists who are taking an active role in the preparation programs. And while we’re at it? Pre-Cana is scheduled for March 30 here at Saint Louis. So let’s pray for our engaged couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage later this year – and next!

Preparation for celebrating the sacraments is such an important time. Given the number of candidates we have in each of our programs, it becomes a monumental effort. Consequently, the prayer and witness of the community is an essential part of that preparation. Thank you for the prayerful support of our ministry with our children and young adults!

Christ’s peace to you, Father Bob Kennedy
**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**Monday - February 18**
*Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13*
- 11:00 am Mary Ann Dyjak - Family
- 5:15 pm Susan Smith - Saint’s Place

**Tuesday - February 19**
*Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21*
- 6:45 am Aida Meyer - Sunday Scripture Study Group
- 11:00 am Elaine Andolina - Jo Petcoff

**Wednesday - February 20**
*Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26*
- 11:00 am John Strayhall - Ruth Tracy
- 5:15 pm Rae Bernacki - Gerry Morreale

**Thursday - February 21**
*Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33*
- 6:45 am Christina Leone Cybrynski - Anthony & Norma Leone
- 11:00 am Jared Adams - The Winters Family

**Friday - February 22**
*1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19*
- 11:00 am Vinicio Conlon - Dave & Peg Halligan
- 5:15 pm For the People of the Parish

**Saturday - February 23**
*Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13*
- 9:00 am John McMahon - Paul & Geri Dolan
- 4:30 pm William Dennis - Family

**Sunday - February 24**
*1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38*
- 7:30 am Francesco Leonardo - Daughter
- 9:00 am Joe Clayton - O’Sullivan Family
- 11:15 am Stanley Smith - Mary-Ellen Kane
- 5:00 pm Lisa Witt - The Regan Family

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**Special Intentions This Week:**
We invite you to have a Sanctuary Lamp lit at the Blessed Sacrament to have your very special intentions remembered for a week.

To reserve a candle, please call or visit the Ministry Center.

One lamp will burn
In Memory of Ann Delano by Friend, Mary

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**Saturday & Sunday, February 23 & 24**

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**Sunday Communion Service - February 24**
The Highlands - Richard Caruso    Heather Heights - Mary Ann Monley
### Our Weekend Scriptures:
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Looking Ahead:
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Two Ways

All the great religions and sources of human wisdom from ancient days teach that human living can follow two paths: the path to life and the path to death, the path of blessing and the path of curse. When Moses was making the covenant with Israel, he said, “Today I place before you death and life, blessing and curse. Choose life, therefore that you may live.” Our first reading and responsorial psalm pick up the same theme. With graphic images, Jeremiah makes it clear that the path we choose depends upon whom we trust. Trusting in human beings leaves us barren, lifeless, “a salt and empty earth.” Trusting in God leads to a full and fruitful life. As we approach the season of Lent, a good question is: in whom or in what do I place my trust?

### Source of Our Hope

The whole axis on which the Christian faith turns is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Without it, our faith is in vain; death would be the end of the story and we would be on the verge of despair. It is true that we all get a share in the Good Friday side of life on some point in our lives, but we do not despair; we believe in the resurrection. The pattern of dying and rising, which we see in Christ, becomes the way we interpret our lives as well. Because our faith and baptism unites us with Christ, we are always filled with hope. Death is not the end of the story. With Christ we interpret the events of our lives as moving through death to the fullness of life.

### Down-to-Earth Beatitudes

Matthew’s gospel has Jesus presenting the Beatitudes from a mountaintop, like Moses (the “Sermon on the Mount”). Luke delivers them as a “sermon on the plain” or level place. Matthew presents them as spiritual virtues that characterize Jesus’ disciples. Luke presents them as direct statements of encouragement to the poor, hungry, mourning and persecuted, and as woe to those who are rich, satisfied, enjoying life and are well-thought of. This is because Luke’s gospel especially reveals Jesus’ priority of lifting up the poor, the vulnerable, the outcast and marginalized. In Luke, Jesus regularly cautions those with resources and status not to get distracted from the path to life, and points them to life up those who are in need.
Supporting Our Parish

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Next week you’ll have the opportunity to sign our diocese-wide Public Policy Weekend petition in support of farmworkers. The labor of tens of thousands of farmworkers brings food to our tables. However, New York State labor law categorically denies farmworkers basic rights and protections enjoyed by virtually all other workers. These exclusions mean that, unlike other workers, farmworkers do not have the right to: a guaranteed day of rest per week; overtime pay; employer contributions to disability insurance; public health protections including sanitation and housing standards; or protections while bargaining collectively.

We will urge the New York State Assembly, Senate, and Governor Cuomo to support the Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act ending the exclusion of farmworkers from basic rights and granting them equal treatment under our labor laws.

**This Week’s Tithing Will Support SR. REGIS FOOD CUPBOARD**

**Next Week’s Tithing Will Support HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Habitat for Humanity partners with people in your community, and all over the world, to help them build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. With your support, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and for their families.

2019 is a build year for our Parish, which means Saint Louis will be actively involved in helping to physically build/"rehab" a house in Rochester. If you are interested in volunteering in any way, please contact Bob Scholl, who has been our faithful Habitat Coordinator for 18 years, at 472-5067 or schollroch@gmail.com. For more information, check out the Habitat article on page 6.

Comunita Cenacolo - hopereborn.org
A Catholic program to overcome substance abuse.
For more info call 330-0206 or 233-2604.

Beginning Experience of Rochester Weekend for Widowed, Separated, or Divorced, April 5-7

Beginning Experience (BE) is an international peer support ministry for widowed, separated and divorced adults. The weekend program helps participants deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for dealing with the pain of loss and moving into the future with renewed hope. Our next weekend program will be held at the Notre Dame Retreat House overlooking Canandaigua Lake, April 5-7, 2019.

For more information, please contact BE at (585) 987-1750 or visit: www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org.

You are invited to attend the eighth annual

**Breakfast With Friends**

Friday, March 15, 2019 – 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Doors open 7:30 a.m.)
at the Joseph A. Fioreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center

To Benefit the Invaluable Work of Catholic Charities
Community Services

Providing care and support to more than 3,000 individuals living with developmental disabilities, HIV/AIDS, chronic illnesses, and traumatic brain injuries while helping them achieve their goals of inclusion, individuality, and independence.

Keynote Speaker: Darryl Strawberry
Former Major League Baseball Player, Ordained Minister

Purchase your tickets today at www.cccrochester.org/bwf

Individual Tickets: $50
Friends & Family Table of 10: $600 (guaranteed to sit together)

Sponsorship opportunities – $1,000 to $10,000 – still available
Visit www.cccrochester.org/bwf for more information

Questions or to purchase tickets by phone, call Marianne Tucker at 585-339-9800 x378

February 17, 2019
March Youth Mass

Are you interested in singing, serving, being a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or Usher?

We need YOU! Join us Sunday, March 3rd at 5:00PM. Choir rehearsal begins 45 minutes prior to Mass. Following Mass, there will be a social gathering. To take part in Mass, be sure to watch your email for our sign up link! Or contact Father Juan at Fr.Juan.Benitez@dor.org.

Keep watching the bulletin and your email for the schedule for future Youth Masses!

7-12th Grade Girls:

Please join the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia for:

“Cupcakes & Conversation”

Friday, March 8th
3:45-5pm
St. Louis Church, Pittsford
Sponsored by the Rochester Catholic Women’s Conference

Grade-based discussion groups
RSVP to: rsvp.cupcakes@gmail.com

Confirmation Retreat - January 26, 2019

Called to Mission: What comes as a result of spending time with 16 teens gathered to explore the mission God has given each of them? Hope! It was a blessing to see the Holy Spirit help them to explore the purpose of life in Christ. On evaluation forms many expressed how special it was to experience peace through the sacrament of confession, to have reflective time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and to celebrate the Holy Mass with Fr. Juan. They hope to grow in their prayer life and increase their worship of God in the Holy Mass each week. Please remember to keep all of our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers.

Many thanks to all who helped make this retreat possible and to God for His amazing grace!

~ Dominic Salamida, Youth & Young Adult Minister
**Bulletin Update Week!** Greg Sheldon, of Liturgical Publications will be visiting our Church from **Feb.19th to Feb. 21st**, to update our Church Bulletin. **For those interested in placing a new ad, this is your opportunity!** To obtain information about advertising for the new publication year, please contact our office or Greg directly @ 585-315-8307.

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**BOOTS AND BARBEQUE**  
**Bistro Night!**

Saturday, February 23, 5:45 p.m.  
Parish Meeting Hall  
New Year/New Price  
$15 per person  
BYOB

Reservations Only Please  
Payment Appreciated by  
February 20 Deadline.

Please make reservations by calling Suzanne at 586-5675, no later than Wednesday, 2/20/19.

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**2019 HABITAT CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN**

Habitat Interfaith Partnership (HIP) is happy to announce that it now has a building location and work schedule for 2019.

HIP will be undertaking a “Rehab” of 356 Campbell St., and is to begin work in mid-March. HIP is conducting a Rehab this year, our first, because we have lost a couple members of our coalition and so, for the moment, we lack the funding required to build a totally new house. Nevertheless we are currently working to expand our coalition in time for our next build in Year 2022.

The Rehab has a number of benefits. It entails less and lighter duty work, most of which will be conducted within a heated structure and concluded before summer gets in full swing. Plus this project will enhance the immediate environs of 366 Campbell St., our 2010 construction project, which is virtually across the street. In doing so it further contributes to the overall rehabilitation of the JOSANNA area, HIP and Flower City Habitat for Humanity's (FCHH) primary improvement target of the past couple decades.

Having helped to fund the building materials for this project, St. Louis now needs to staff it, providing volunteers for “hands-on help” with the rehabilitation. Those interested in volunteering can register and schedule their work on FCHH's website: [www.rochesterhabitat.org](http://www.rochesterhabitat.org). We expect the website calendar will become available for scheduling work by mid-February. (At that time there will likewise be a new website address which will take one more directly to HIP’s specific construction activities and work calendar.)

St. Louis Habitat facilitators will be available after masses **this weekend** in the Narthex to answer questions regarding the project, registration and volunteer scheduling.

Also for more information you may call Bob (472-5067) and Rosemary Scholl (472-5215).
Lent Begins March 6th. Let’s Prepare Now!
Check out these short videos by Fr. Mike Schmitz at stlouischurch.org/preparing-lent.

Then come join us at Catholic Conversations Sundays from 10:00-11:00 in the Manse! We’ll share ideas to help you have a meaningful Lent.
Need more info? Contact Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org.

St. Louis Church Haiti Team 2018 ORNAMENT SALE mini REPORT

Following so closely to our October documentary film screening fundraiser at the Little Theatre where we raised over $100,000 for St. Damien Pediatric Hospital in Port-au-Prince, our ornament report is not as praiseworthy as it has been over the past many decades. With consideration of this awesome amount raised by the documentary, we qualified for the $25,000 Matching Grant that was offered to us. KUDOS to all who worked on both fundraisers to help our parish friend Fr. Rick Frechette!

Our Ornament Sale disbursements for Christmas 2018 were:
for hand-making the ceramic angels, we sent Holy Childhood $4,500
for handcrafting the trees, we sent St. Michael's Woodshop $2,025
for the gift boxes and gift bags, we paid Paper Mart $952.29
Finally, NPH St. Damien received $7,312
from the sale of the 2018 ornaments and Save Around Coupon Books.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Mendola, St. Louis Church Haiti Team, chair

Sneakers for Haiti

The February mission at St. Louis School is
“Sneakers for Haiti.”

This ministry collects shoes for mentally and physically challenged children in Haiti who have been shunned, discarded and/or neglected. Please send in new or gently used sneakers for this important ministry. Please tie the shoelaces together so that we can keep them set as a pair!

Collection bins are located at the back of church and in the lobby of St. Louis School.
Online Retreats for Lent

Busy schedule? An online retreat is an opportunity to journey with God throughout Lent, wherever you are, whenever you would like. Visit our website for easy links to these retreats at stlouischurch.org/lenten-retreats.

These are “Pray as you go” Lent Retreats in collaboration with Sacred Space.

Walking Together with Jesus
This Lent we invite you to walk together with Jesus and each other.

Into the Wilderness
Throughout the Bible, the wilderness is a place of preparation; a place of overcoming temptation; a place that God leads many people to, including Jesus before he began his public ministry. The retreat will give us an opportunity to reflect on the desert places in our own lives.

Called to Be Saints
You are invited to hear God call you to become a saint—perhaps not a canonized saint, but one who lives a quiet life in the midst of our everyday surroundings. Walk this path through Lent and see how you can become the best person you can be in God’s service.

Women of the Passion
Experience the events of the Passion as witnessed by the women in the company of Jesus. Their lives were transformed. Ours can be, too.

Entering Into a Retreat
No matter which retreat you choose to experience this Lent, try the suggestions in this guide to adjust to the change of pace in a retreat. Allow your deeper hopes and desires come to the surface. Give yourself time to meet God in this place.

Need more info? Contact Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org.
We are excited to announce that the following will be on display at the conference:

- **The Appeals of Our Lady ~ Apparitions and Marion Shrines in the World.** This is an exhibit created by the Venerable Carlo Acutis, the same young man who created the inspiring Eucharistic Miracles exhibit that was such an important part of last year’s conference. With over 150 panels about Our Lady for us to reflect on, we will learn more about our Mother Mary who always leads us to the heart of her Son Jesus.

- **Mary Queen of Peace ~ International Rosary Project.** Gina Mangiamele from St. Benedict’s Church in Canandaigua crafted this amazing 55 foot, hand crocheted rosary. With each bead bearing a unique international flag, the mission of the rosary is to be a public icon for peace. This special rosary is meant to travel across the country, parish by parish for peace in the world.

- **Our Lady of Manaoag Statue.** The original statue depicting Our Lady of Manaoag is venerated and enshrined on the high altar of the Basilica at Manaoag, Philippines. This beautiful replica statue will be on our altar at the conference. Under this title, Mary is invoked as patroness of the sick, protector of the helpless and benefactor of the needy.

- **Icon of Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christian** will be on loan from the Bishop McQuaid Knights of Columbus Council 7085. Each year the Knights of Columbus Marian Prayer Program provides an icon for devotion throughout the nation. This year’s image is intended to raise awareness about the plight of persecuted Christians and to remind us to stand in prayerful solidarity with them.

- **Our Lady of Guadalupe Venerable Image.** The Rochester Catholic Women’s Conference is consecrated to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Each year, Father Anthony Mugavero and Holy Apostles Church graciously shares this exact digital replica of Our Lady of Guadalupe which was blessed by St. John Paul II the Great. It will be available for veneration by attendees outside of the auditorium during the conference.

Register online now or by mail: rochestercwc.org

- $50 Regular Admission - includes breakfast and lunch!
- $30 Discounted Admission for full time students 18-25 years old

**REGISTER NOW. DEADLINE IS MARCH 1st BUT CONFERENCE SELLS OUT EVERY YEAR!**

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